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1. LONG ONE OF PORTUGAL'S MOST VOCAL CRITICS IN EUROPE, NORWAY HAS WELCOMED THE GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES IN LISBON WITH RELIEF AND GROWING OPTIMISM. HOWEVER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CAUTIONED AGAINST A PREMATURE ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF EVENTS IN PORTUGAL ON NORWEGIAN POLICY AND HAS ADOPTED A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE NEW REGIME'S ATTITUDES ON DECOLONIZATION. THERE IS BROAD POPULAR SYMPATHY HERE FOR STRENGTHENING "DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN PORTUGAL AND NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT IS BEGINNING
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FUND DRIVE TO SUPPORT PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY

AND UNIONS. PRESS COVERAGE REMAINS EXTENSIVE.

2. PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI ECHOED POPULAR NORWEGIAN SENTIMENT AT MEETING OF NORDIC SOCIAL DEMOCRATS IN HELSINKI MAY 4-6 WHEN HE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT TURN OF EVENTS IN LISBON. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION TAKEN AT THAT MEETING, THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY, REIULF STEEN, DEPARTS TODAY FOR LISBON AT HEAD OF DELEGATION FROM NORDIC AREA FOR PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PORTUGAL. STEEN CARRIES WITH HIM A FIRST CHECK FOR 100,000 NORWEGIAN KRONER (NEARLY DOLS 20,000) FROM THE "NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT SUPPORT COMMITTEE: FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL; THE PAYEE OF THE CHECK IS UNDISCLOSED.

3. NORWEGIAN PRESS REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND TOOK THE INITIATIVE AT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING IN STRASBOURG THAT RESULTED IN THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PORTUGAL AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF AFRICAN COLONIAL CONFLICTS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF 2ND POLITICAL DIVISION (ASIA, AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA) JAN NYHEIM INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 6 THAT SENEGALESE MINISTER OF EDUCATION OSMANE CAMARA IS RETURNING TO NORWAY MAY 8-9 WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR. CAMARA WILL ALSO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS (REF B). WE UNDERSTAND VISIT WAS ARRANGED PRIOR TO CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL. NYHEIM ADDED THAT HE EXPECTS NORWAY TO COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU AND SUPPORT G-B MEMBERSHIP BID AT 29TH UNGA. SHARP NORWEGIAN CRITICISM OF PORTUGUESE COLONIAL POLICIES COULD REAPPEAR, ACCORDING TO NYHEIM, IF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SOON TO BE FORMED IS NOT "POLITICALLY REPRESENTATIVE" OR FAILED TO DECLARE EARLY ON ITS INTENTION TO "RESOLVE" COLONIAL PROBLEM IN AFRICA.

5. TOR OFTEDAL, CHAIRMAN OF THE STORTING'S (PARLIAMENT) FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHO HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN COLONIAL ASPECT OF PORTUGUESE POLICY, RECENTLY EXPRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN TO CHARGE THAT IF DECOLONIZATION PROCEEDS TOO RAPIDLY SOUTH AFRICA COULD INTERVENE MILITARILY. OTHER NORWEGIAN CONTACTS ARE ALSO APPREHENSIVE THAT A DISPROPORTIONATE OR TOO RAPID ACQUISITION OF INFLUENCE BY THE LEFT IN THE NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE THE SPECTER OF A RIGHT-WING MILITARY COUNTER COUP IN LISBON.
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